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FOR FORMING A RELEASABLE FLUID CONNECTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.